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SUBJ: US/ USSR AGREEMENT, SUMMARY OF MARINE POLLUTION (SHIPPING)

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GROUP MEETING

REQUEST EMBASSY PASS TO HYDROMET

1. WORKING GROUP MET IN U. S. FROM MAY 13-27, 1973. AN INITIAL SESSION WAS HELD AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY IN CONJUNCTION WITH WORKING

GROUP ON MARINE POLLUTION FROM PETROLEUM INDUSTRY SOURCES. INITIAL JOINT SESSION CONSIDERED EXTREMELY VALUABLE AND IS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN PROTOCOL. PETROLEUM INDUSTRY GROUP DEPARTED FOR NEW ORLEANS ON AFTERNOON MAY 16 TO CARRY OUT SEPARATE PROGRAM.

2. THE INITIAL SESSION FAMILIARIZED BOTH SIDES WITH THE STRUCTURE OF MARINE POLLUTION ORGANIZATION IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY AND PLANNED TO CONTROL MARINE POLLUTION. FEDERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICIPANTS FROM U. S. WERE COAST GUARD, EPA, MARAD, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, AND CORPS OF ENGINEERS. ALSO, STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE PARTICIPATED.

3. SHIPPING GROUP DEPARTED NEW LONDON AND PROCEEDED TO BOSTON FOR DEMONSTRATION OF JBF SKIMMER, AT REQUEST OF SOVDEL. GROUP THEN PROCEEDED TO COAST GUARD AIR STATION CAPE COD FOR TOUR OF WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION AND DEMONSTRATION OF COAST GUARD OIL POLLUTION SENSOR- EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT. GROUP THEN DEPARTED FOR PHILADELPHIA TO TOUR BP REFINERY AND OBSERVE NEW OIL- WATER SEPARATION SYSTEM, AND TO TOUR EPA LABORATORY, EDISON NEW JERSEY. GROUP NEXT PROCEEDED TO THE U. S. COAST GUARD RESERVE TRAINING CENTER, YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA AND TOURED JAMESTOWN AND WILLIAMSBURG. THE GROUP WAS BRIEFED ON THE COAST GUARD POLLUTION TRAINING PROGRAM AND ALSO TOURED AMOCO REFINERY AT YORKTOWN AND MARINES MUSEUM, NEWPORT NEWS. GROUP THEN RETURNED TO WASHINGTON FOR DEMONSTRATION OF VARIOUS OIL POLLUTION CONTAINMENT AND REMOVAL DEVICES AT OCEAN SYSTEMS, INC. RESTON, VIRGINIA. GROUP VISITED BETHLEHEM STEEL SHIPYARD AT SPARROWS POINT, MARYLAND, BOARDED A TANK VESSEL AND CONTAINER VESSEL AT BALTIMORE HARBOR, AND INSPECTED PORT AUTHORITY POLLUTION RESPONSE FACILITIES. ON MAY 25, THE GROUP SIGNED THE PROTOCOL IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

4. SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. RECIPROCAL VISIT TO USSR IN FALL, 1973

B. EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ON THE PROBLEMS OF PREVENTION AND REMOVAL OF POLLUTION IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT RESULTING FROM SHIPPING. THIS EXCHANGE INCLUDES A LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON OIL DISCHARGE PREVENTION AND REMOVAL, TECHNICAL MEANS FOR CLEANING OIL CONTAMINATED WATER ON TANKERS AND OTHER VESSELS, INFORMATION ON REGULATIONS AND LAWS, TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT USED FOR WASHING TANKS AND CHEMICAL MEANS FOR COMBATTING DISCHARGED OIL.

C. A FUTURE EFFORT ON EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL MEANS ON CONTROL OF VESSEL SEWAGE AND SOLID WASTES.

D. PARTICIPATION OF A USSR SPECIALIST ON A COAST GUARD TST TO BE CONDUCTED IN ALASKA IN LATE FALL 1973, TO BE CONFIRMED THROUGH
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CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

E. CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH THE WORKING GROUP ON MARINE POLLUTION
FROM OIL AND GAS WELL DRILLING AND PRODUCING OPERATIONS.

F. A PLAN FOR FUTURE JOINT SESSIONS AND EXCHANGES OF SPECIALISTS.

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